

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masanori Hangai et al.
Title: BALLOON CATHETER
Docket No.: 40599

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, it is requested that the following amendments be made.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.